

In the Claims

Please amend claims 10, 12, 35, 53, and 58 below:

10. (Three Times Amended) A connection module comprising:

a housing having an interior defined by a front portion and a rear portion spaced apart from the front portion, the front portion being substantially parallel to the rear portion, the housing including mounting structure to removably mount the housing to a frame;

a plurality of connection locations having exposed openings disposed in the front portion, the connection locations being arranged in an array of vertical rows when the housing is mounted to the frame, the connection locations including a plurality of adapters configured and arranged for connection to an optical fiber connector; and

a splicing component disposed at least partially between the connection locations and the rear portion, the splicing component configured to optically connect a fiber optic cable that is connected to the module to interior cables that are optically connected between the splicing component and the connection locations;

the housing further including a lower portion having a direct opening into the interior of the housing, the opening sized to receive a fiber optic cable;

wherein the adapters are positioned at an angle having a first angle component angle that is in the direction of the rear portion to the front portion and a second component angle that is in the direction of the lower portion.

12. (Amended) The connection module of claim 10, wherein the mounting structure includes a surface having mounting locations, the mounting locations adapted to removably mount the housing to a frame.

35. (Amended) A connection module comprising:

a housing having a front portion and a rear portion spaced apart from the front portion, the front portion being substantially parallel to the rear portion, the housing further having a

lower portion defining an opening, the opening sized to receive a fiber optic cable, the housing including mounting structure to removably mount the housing to a frame;

a plurality of connection locations having exposed openings disposed in the front portion, the connection locations being arranged in an array of vertical rows when the housing is mounted to the frame, the connection locations including a plurality of adapters configured and arranged for connection to an optical fiber connector, the adapters positioned at an angle having a first component angle that is in the direction of the rear portion to the front portion and a second component angle that is in the direction of the lower portion; and

a splicing component disposed at least partially between the connection locations and the rear portion, the splicing component configured to optically connect a fiber optic cable that is connected to the module to interior cables that are optically connected between the splicing component and the connection locations.

53. **(Amended)** A connection module, comprising:

a) a housing having a front, a rear, a top and a bottom, the housing including a top mounting flange projecting upward relative to the top of the housing, the top mounting flange including a fastener hole extending through the top mounting flange in a frontward-rearward direction relative to the housing, the housing defining an interior;

b) a telecommunications cable that enters the housing at the bottom, the telecommunications cable including a plurality of optical fibers, the optical fibers having ends located within the interior of the housing;

c) optical connectors positioned at the ends of the optical fibers; and

d) a plurality of adapters, the adapters being arranged in side-by-side adapter pairs, each of the adapters including:

i) a first end located within the interior of the housing, the first end being configured to connect to the optical connector at the end of one of the optical fibers; and

ii) a second end accessible from outside the housing, the second end being angled downward from the front of the housing.

58. (Amended) A connection module, comprising:

a) a housing having a front, a rear, a top and a bottom, the housing including a top mounting flange projecting upward relative to the top of the housing, the top mounting flange including a fastener hole extending through the top mounting flange in a frontward-rearward direction relative to the housing, the housing defining an interior;

b) a telecommunications cable that enters the housing through a cable opening located at the bottom of the housing, the telecommunications cable including a plurality of optical fibers, the optical fibers having ends located within the interior of the housing;

c) optical connectors provided at the ends of the optical fibers;

d) the front of the housing defining a plurality of front openings, the front openings being arranged in side-by-side opening pairs; and

e) a plurality of adapters providing connection locations at the front of the housing, the adapters being mounted within the front openings defined at the front of the housing, the adapters including:

i) first ends located within the interior of the housing for receiving the optical connectors provided at the ends of the optical fibers; and

ii) second ends accessible from outside the housing for receiving optical connectors located outside of the housing;

f) wherein the adapters are angled such that the second ends of the adapters face downwardly.